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Frederick County Health Department

# ***Public Health Alert***

DATE: December 6, 2022

## **Adult Bitten by Unknown Dog on Mercantile Drive in Frederick, Maryland, on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seeking Owner of Dog.**

An adult female was bitten by an unknown dog on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Mercantile Drive, Frederick, Maryland, on the roadway headed out of the Century Clearbrook development. The bite occurred while the victim was attempting to move the dog out of the road. The dog is described as an older, small, fluffy white dog in a sweater. The owner is described as a dark-haired male in a ski-mask.

Contact is needed to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. The animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, it will be allowed to resume normal activity, and the victim can avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. The Frederick County Health Department is asking that the owner or anyone who has information about the animal contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES](https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES) for more information.

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